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The Rachel Carson Council is deeply committed to environmental justice and working to eliminate the racism that has led to and continues to lead to disproportionate harm to the health and well-being of African-Americans, Latinos, and poor communities across the United States.

We condemn the violence brought on by white supremacists, neo-Confederates and neo-Nazis in Charlottesville and mourn the death of Heather Heyer. We have joined with over 100 environmental and public interest groups in signing the public statement below that was initiated by GreenLatinos and released today.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert K. Musil".

Robert K. Musil, President and CEO

## **Environmental and Public Interest Groups Condemn Racist Violence and Intolerance in Charlottesville, Virginia**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — A broad coalition of environmental, public health and public interest groups, including prominent African American and Latino organizations, issued the following joint statement in response to this past weekend's white nationalist gathering and violence in Charlottesville, Virginia and President Trump's inexplicable reversal as to who's to blame for the violence:

Our nation witnessed tragic, despicable and completely unnecessary violence in Charlottesville this past weekend. Driven by hatred and racism, these white nationalist and neo-nazi groups and their actions do not represent our values, nor the values of the vast majority of Americans. We also remember the life of Heather Heyer and commit to continuing the struggle she died for.

The behavior of white nationalists is neither acceptable nor normal and we will continue to stand in solidarity against such hatred and in defense of the rights and safety of communities across the country like Charlottesville. We will not tolerate any form of hatred or discrimination and will align ourselves with communities of color and creeds that are the target of ongoing bigotry.

We call on our political leaders to condemn these acts not just today, but every time they happen. President Trump and all political leaders, no matter their party affiliation, have an obligation to stand up against such hate groups immediately and unequivocally. Their voices and words — and lack thereof — matter.

The tragic events in Charlottesville fall on our shoulders as a nation. No one who stands for justice, equality, and human dignity can stay silent any longer. We will stand unified against the white nationalist movement that everyday threatens America's people and ideals, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all. We will ultimately prevail by countering this hate with love.

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African American Nature and Parks Experience

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Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

Audubon Naturalist Society

Austin 2030 District

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Be The Change -USA

Black permaculture network

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California League of Conservation Voters

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Center for International Environmental Law  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN)  
Chispa  
Citizens' Climate Lobby  
Clean Air Council  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Climate Nexus  
Coalition Center for Popular Democracy  
Defend Our Future  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Diverse Environmental Leaders Speakers Bureau  
Dogwood Alliance  
Dynamic Aptitude  
Earthjustice  
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Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Defense Fund  
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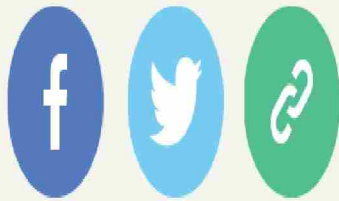
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Greenpeace USA  
Greensgrow  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanic Federation  
IDEASForUs  
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Interfaith Power & Light  
International Mayan League  
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Latino Victory Project  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
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Mi Familia Vota  
Moms Clean Air Force  
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National Parks Conservation Association  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NCLR Action Fund

Network for Sustainable Financial Markets  
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Outdoor Afro  
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Population Connection  
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Save EPA  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club Virginia Chapter  
Sunrise  
Sustainable Agricultural Education Association  
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The Environmental Justice Center at Chestnut Hill United Church  
The Evangelical Environmental Network  
The Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc  
The Joy Trip Project  
The Praxis Project  
The Trail Posse  
The Wilderness Society  
Toxics Action Center  
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